This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations and is not a part of the Official Record

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning documents will not correct images, please do not report the images to the Image Problem Mailbox.

TNW TWB

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

APPLICATION NUMBER FILING DATE FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY. DOCKET NO./TITLE 09/745,786 12/21/2000 Thomas G. Lacey 05918-083002 **CONFIRMATION NO. 3084** AUG 0 1 2003 JAMES W. BABINEAU Fish & Richardson P.C. *OC000000009071369* 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110-2804

Date Mailed: 11/06/2002

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Domestic Continuity and Foreign Priority

AUG 15 2003

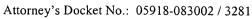
In response to your request for a corrected Filing Receipt, the Office is unable to comply with the request because: The priority or continuity claim has not been entered because it was not filed during the required time period. Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority. See 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78. Continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt X without the applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) in an Application Data Sheet or amendment to the first page of the specification. Serial no. 08/659,368 and PCT/US97/09868 A claim for priority cannot be made based on an application filed after the application making the claim. Domestic benefit and foreign priority claims will not be captured in a provisional application. A provisional application is not entitled to a right of priority or to the benefit of an earlier filing date of any other application. See 35 U.S.C. § 111(b)(7) and 37 CFR 1.53(c)(4). A domestic continuity claim cannot be made to a foreign application and the filing receipt will only list the foreign country, application number, and filing date. Foreign priority will appear on the Filing Receipt in the following order: Country, Application number, Filing date. This application is the result of a conversion from a provisional application. Priority based on such application cannot be made since it no longer exists as a provisional application. The application(s) to which priority is claimed were filed over a year prior to the filing date of this application. Therefore, the referenced application(s) cannot be claimed as domestic or foreign priority. INO DOCKETING REQUIRED

NO DOCKETING REQUIRED

Theviewed By Practice Systems

Holder PECOn

	To change the benefit claim of a U.S. prior-filed application, a sentence of the specification (if the benefit claim is referenced a supplemental application data sheet (ADS) (if the benefit claim the desired benefit claim. Note that once a benefit claim able to claim such prior-filed application again, if the above-id or after November 29, 2000.	d in the specification), or provide aim was submitted in an ADS), is deleted, applicant will not be
	To change a foreign priority claim, applicant must submit a su (if the priority claim is referenced in the oath or declaration), of data sheet (ADS) (if the priority claim was submitted in an AD claim. If a supplemental ADS is submitted, any deletions shown that once a priority claim is deleted, applicant will not be application again, if the above-identified application was filed	or a supplemental application (S), with the desired priority all be shown with strikeouts. Table to claim such foreign
Of	ustomer Service Center ffice of Initial Patent Examination 03) 308-1202	RECEIVED AUG 15 2003 TC 1700





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas G. Lacey et al.

Art Unit: 1732

Serial No.: 09/745,786

Examiner: Mark Eashoo

Filed

: December 21, 2000

Title

: MOLDING OF FASTENING HOOKS AND OTHER DEVICES

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

AUG 1 5 2003

TC 1700

REQUEST TO CORRECT OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

In response to the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed November 6, 2002 (copy enclosed), Applicants submit a copy of the originally filed Transmittal Letter dated December 21, 2000 that claims the proper priority information.

Please correct the Filing Receipt for the above-referenced application to include the priority information as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. application serial no. 09/194,898, filed March 17, 1999, which is a U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT application US97/09868, filed June 6, 1997, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. application serial no. 08/659,368, filed June 6, 1996 and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,900,350.

Please supply a corrected Filing Receipt to the undersigned with respect to this application. A copy of the original Filing Receipt showing the desired changes highlighted is attached for your convenience.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date of Deposit

Signature

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate

Applicant: Thomas G. Lacey et al.

Serial No: : 09/745,786

Filed: December 21, 2000

Page : 2 of 2

No fee is believed to be due. If, however, there are any charges or credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Reg. No.

Date: July 30, 2003

Fish & Richardson P.C. 225 Franklin Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2804

Telephone: (617) 542-5070 Facsimile: (617) 542-8906

20606519.doc

RECEIVED

Attorney's Docket No.: 05918-083002 / 3281

AUG 1 5 2003

TC 1700





FILE CORPCeipt

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 2023 www.uspto.gov

GRP ART UNIT FIL FEE REC'D ATTY.DOCKET.NO **DRAWINGS** TOT CLAIMS | IND CLAIMS FILING DATE APPLICATION NUMBER 05918-25 3 962 34 1732 12/21/2000 09/745,786 083002

JAMES W. BABINEAU Fish & Richardson P.C. 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110-2804 RECEIVED AUG 1 5 2003 TC 1700 CONFIRMATION NO. 3084
CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT
OC000000009072293

Date Mailed: 11/07/2002

Receipt is acknowledged of this regular Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections, facsimile number 703-746-9195. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

Thomas G. Lacey, Derry, NH; George A. Provost, Litchfield, NH; Clinton Dowd, Goffstown, NH; James V. Stumpf, Goffstown, NH; Mark Joseph Codon, Reading, MA; Samuel White Pollard, Durham, NH; Stephen C. Jens, Winchester, MA; Peter E. Grulke, Fremont, NH;

Assignment For Published Patent Application

Velcro Industries B.V. a Netherlands Corporation;

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a DIV of 09/194,898 03/17/1999 PAT 6,163,939 *, (*)Data provided by applicant is not consistent with PTO records.

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 01/25/2001

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

which is a U.S. National Phase under 35 VS.C. 371 of PCT application US 97/09868, filed June 6, 1997, which is a C.I.P. of U.S. application serial no. 08/659,368, filed June 6, 1996 and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,900,350.



Early Publication Request: No

Title

Molding of fastening hooks and other devices

AUG 1 5 2003 TC 1700

Preliminary Class

264

LICENSE FOR FOREIGN FILING UNDER
Title 35, United States Code, Section 184
Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15

GRANTED

The applicant has been granted a license under 35 U.S.C. 184, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" followed by a date appears on this form. Such licenses are issued in all applications where the conditions for issuance of a license have been met, regardless of whether or not a license may be required as set forth in 37 CFR 5.15. The scope and limitations of this license are set forth in 37 CFR 5.15(a) unless an earlier license has been issued under 37 CFR 5.15(b). The license is subject to revocation upon written notification. The date indicated is the effective date of the license, unless an earlier license of similar scope has been granted under 37 CFR 5.13 or 5.14.

This license is to be retained by the licensee and may be used at any time on or after the effective date thereof unless it is revoked. This license is automatically transferred to any related applications(s) filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d). This license is not retroactive.

The grant of a license does not in any way lessen the responsibility of a licensee for the security of the subject matter as imposed by any Government contract or the provisions of existing laws relating to espionage and the national security or the export of technical data. Licensees should apprise themselves of current regulations especially with respect to certain countries, of other agencies, particularly the Office of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State (with respect to Arms, Munitions and Implements of War (22 CFR 121-128)); the Office of Export Administration, Department of Commerce (15 CFR 370.10 (j)); the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Treasury (31 CFR Parts 500+) and the Department of Energy.

NOT GRANTED

No license under 35 U.S.C. 184 has been granted at this time, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" DOES NOT appear on this form. Applicant may still petition for a license under 37 CFR 5.12, if a license is desired before the expiration of 6 months from the filing date of the application. If 6 months has lapsed from the filing date of this application and the licensee has not received any indication of a secrecy order under 35 U.S.C. 181, the licensee may foreign file the application pursuant to 37 CFR 5.15(b).

Fish & Richardson P.C.

Frederick P. Fish 1855-1930

W.K. Richardson 1859-1951 December 21, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 05918-083002

225 Franklin Street Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2804

Telephone 617 542-5070

Facsimile 617 542-8906

Web Site www.fr.com

Box Patent Application

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Presented for filing is a new divisional patent application of:

Applicant: THOMAS G. LACEY, GEORGE A. PROVOST, SCOTT M. FILION, EVANGELOS KAPARIS, CLINTON DOWD, JAMES VAN STUMPF,

MARK JOSEPH CONDON, SAMUEL WHITE POLLARD, STEPHEN

C. JENS AND PETER E. GRULKE

DALLAS DELAWARE

BOSTON

NEW YORK

SAN DIEGO

SILICON VALLEY

TWIN CITIES

WASHINGTON, DC

Title: MOLDING OF FASTENERING HOOKS AND OTHER DEVICES

The prior application is assigned of record to Velcro Industries B.V., a Netherlands corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on October 12, 1999 at 010302/0193.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	Pages
Specification	51
Claims	15
Abstract	0
Declaration	6
Drawing(s)	25

Enclosures:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

Express Mai	il Label	No	EL485	6//4/3	<u>ous</u>				
I hereby cer	•						•		_
deposited w	rith the	United	States	Postal	Service	as	Express	Mail	Post

Office to Addressee with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

December 21, 2000	
Date of Deposit	
Wister Brokery	
Signature	
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate	
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate	

Fish & Richardson P.C.

Commissioner for Patents December 21, 2000 Page 2

- Copies of Petition to Correct Inventorship and Submission of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, which were filed in the parent application. Please enter these in this application.
- Substitute Specification, 36 pages, Abstract, 1 Page
- Preliminary amendment, 6 pages.
- Postcard.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/194,898, filed December 4, 1998, which claims priority, through PCT application US97/09868, filed June 6, 1997 and designating the United States, from U.S.S.N. 08/659,368, filed June 6, 1996 and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,900,350. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Basic filing fee	\$710
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$18	\$252
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$80	\$80
Fee for multiple dependent claims	\$0
Total filing fee:	\$1042

A check for the filing fee is enclosed. Please apply any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

If this application is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (617) 542-5070.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this application by returning the enclosed postcard.

Please send all correspondence to:

JAMES W. BABINEAU Fish & Richardson P.C. 225 Franklin Street Boston, MA 02110-2804

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Babineau Reg. No. 42,276

Enclosures